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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

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1. SUMMARY: IVORY COAST SHARES US POSITION FAVORING PEACEFUL
NEGOTIATED SOLUTION FOR ANGOLA AND HAS NO RPT NO INTENTION
RECOGNIZE ANY OF THREE CONTENDING FACTIONS AT THIS TIME.
GOIC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MPLA, FNLA, AND UNITA, STRESSING TO EACH
IMPORTANCE OF COMPROMISE. GOIC WILL NOT REPLY TO TELEGRAM
FROM MPLA REQUESTING IVORIAN DELEGATION ATTEND "INDEPENDENCE
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CELEBRATIONS" IN LUANDA. END SUMMARY

2. IN AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE UPCOUNTRY, DCM CALLED ON FONOFF CABINET DIRECTOR NOUAMA, OUTLINED US POSITION DESCRIBED PARA 7 REFTEL AND ASKED GOIC ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND INTENTIONS REGARDING RECOGNITION. NOUAMA REPLIED GOIC AGREED RECOGNITION OF MPLA OR OTHER FACTIONS WOULD BE ENTIRELY PREMATURE AND POSSIBLY HARMFUL TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE SAID OTHER FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES AND SOME "RADICALS" - ALGERIA, GUINEA, CONGO - WOULD RECOGNIZE MPLA BUT THAT OAU MODERATES, INCLUDING IVORY COAST, WOULD WAIT UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED BEFORE ANY MOVE TOWARD RECOGNITION. DELEGATIONS FROM ALL THREE GROUPS HAVE BEEN IN IVORY COAST IN RECENT WEEKS. GOIC INCLINED FAVOR FNLA/UNITA IF ONLY BECAUSE THEY HAD GIVEN SOME INDICATION OF READINESS TO COMPROMISE, WHILE NETO APPEARED ADAMANT. NOUAMA EXPRESSED DOUBT ANY OF THREE LEADERS WOULD BE ABLE ESTABLISH DOMINANT POSITION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OR MONTHS, AND SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF NEW LEADER EMERGING FROM MILITARY CONFUSION.

3. ONLY INVITATION TO INDEPENDENCE WAS FROM MPLA, TO WHICH GOIC WOULD NOT RESPOND. NOUAMA MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF OAU CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS ANGOLAN QUESTION. HE NOTED AMIN'S THREAT TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH USSR SHOULD LATTER RECOGNIZE MPLA AS VEHEMENT EXPRESSION OF VIEW COMMON TO MANY OAU MEMBERS.

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